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WE UNDERSTAND THAT PARLIAMENTARY SUBCOMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHICH HAS BEEN FORMED TO INVESTIGATE BRITISH WAGE POLICIES IN SOUTH AFRICA HAS BEEN QUIETLY GATHERING INFORMATION IN LONDON BUT STILL HAS NOT DECIDED WHETHER TO ATTEMPT TO GO TO SOUTH AFRICA. PRESS HAS REPORTED STATEMENT LAST WEEK BY SAG FOREIGN MINISTER MULLER WHICH SEEMED TO BAR ANY SUCH INVESTIGATION ON SOUTH AFRICAN TERRITORY. HOWEVER, WE INTERPRET THESE REMARKS AS BEING CONSISTENT WITH POSITION MULLER TOOK DURING HIS APRIL 9 DISCUSSIONS WITH UK FONSEC DOUGLAS- HOME (PARA 3 LONDON 4227). A CHECK WITH FCO SOUTHERN AFRICAN DEPT HEAD FOSTER PRODUCED NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, BUT HE WAS ABLE TO CONFIRM OUR IMPRESSION OF CURRENT STATUS OF PARLIAMENTARY INVESTIGATION. WILL KEEP DEPT ADVISED.
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